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SUBJ: ICAO: THIRD REPORT USDELEGATION TO ICAO NORTH ATLANTIC
CROSSINGS PANEL SECOND MEETING (NACP/2)

1. PANEL HAS COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF ALL AGENDA ITEMS AND IS IN PROCESS OF REVIEWING ITS REPORT. DURING DISCUSSIONS ON AGENDA ITEM 4.4, OPERATIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF WITHDRAWAL OF SERVICES BY DENMARK AND ICELAND, AT SUGGESTION OF FRENCH PANEL MEMBER, PANEL CONCLUDED THAT ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE HAD BEEN TOO RESTRICTIVE AND THAT IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EFFECTS OF INCREASED USER CHARGES IN ORDER TO PROPERLY CONSIDER OPERATIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF WITHDRAWING SERVICES.

2. DANISH PANEL MEMBER FORESAW THAT USER CHARGES WOULD HAVE TO BE IMPOSED ON FLIGHTS OUTSIDE SONDESTROM FIR, ALTHOUGH PANEL NOTED THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS. PANEL ALSO NOTED THAT IF NATIONAL CHARGES WERE COLLECTED ONLY FROM FLIGHTS WITHIN REYKJAVIK AND SONDESTROM FIR'S THEY COULD BE CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN CHARGES CURRENTLY LEVIED. ICELANDIC PANEL MEMBER POINTED OUT THAT CHARGES WOULD HAVE TO BE IMPOSED ON ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC (OBVIOUS IMPLICA-
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TIONS BEING MILITARY FLIGHTS AS WELL) THEREBY REDUCING INCREASE IN INDIVIDUAL CHARGE. HAVING REVIEWED EFFECTS OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE VARIOUS JF FACILITIES AND SERVICES, PANEL RECOMMENDED THAT IN EVENT OF TERMINATION 1) PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTROL OF AIRSPACE ABOVE SONDESTROM FIR BE CONTINUED (I.E. THAT ICELAND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ATC SERVICES ABOVE FL 195) AND 2) SUITABLE

MEASURES BE TAKEN BY PROVIDER STATES TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF SCOTICE AND ICECAN CABLE ARRANGEMENTS. PANEL ALSO CONCLUDED THAT WAYS COULD BE FOUND OF ENSURING THAT TRAFFIC OUTSIDE REYKJAVIK CTA WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE SAFELY, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT AS ECONOMICALLY, IF SERVICES ARE WITHDRAWN.

3. DANISH PANEL MEMBER HAS RECORDED STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT HE ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSIONS ON METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES DUE TO ABSENCE OF WMO EXPERTISE, SUCH EXPERTISE BEING NECESSARY BECAUSE WMO MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE MET INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CIVIL AVIATION.
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